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LAWRENCE MEN SENTENCED IN SALEM, NH ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Salem Police Chief Paul T. Donovan, announced that Daneber Rodriguez, age 19, and Clemente Abascal, age 31, both of Lawrence, Massachusetts were sentenced in U.S. District Court in connection with the robbery of the McDonald's Restaurant on Route 28, in Salem, NH, on August 23, 2003.

U. S. District Court Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. sentenced Rodriguez to 108 months in prison with 5 years probation and Abascal to 12 months in prison with 3 years probation. Both men were ordered to pay \$4,415.00 in restitution.

Rodriguez was indicted on September 25, 2003, by a federal grand jury on charges of robbery and using a firearm during a crime of violence. He entered pleas of guilty to the charges on April 23, 2004.

Abascal pled guilty to an Information on July 1, 2004, charging him with aiding and abetting robbery for his role in driving the getaway vehicle.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case is a great example of the cooperative efforts of law enforcement who ensure that the individuals who commit these crimes will be held fully accountable for their actions and punished to the fullest extent of the law."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Salem, New Hampshire and Methuen, Massachusetts Police Departments. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.